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SUBJECT: STANDARDS HARMONIZATION: OPTIC METRIC FASTENER  
SYSTEM OMFS)

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1. INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTL MUCH APPRECIATED. GIST OF IT  
PASSED TO KUEHN IN ECONMIN, WHO HOPES THAT ROOM FOR COMPROMISE  
CAN BE FOUND AND THAT IT WILL NOT BE  
NECESSARY TO LIST OMFS AS NTB WITH GATT. KUEHN ALSO  
OBSERVED THAT OMFS ISSUE HAS RAISED FRG INTEREST IN  
DRAFT STANDARDS CONVENTITN, WHICH FRG HAD PREVIOUSLY  
REGARDED WITH SOME COOLNESS.

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2. IN RESPONSE TO A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION, ECONMIN

PARLIAMENTARY STATE SECRETARY GRUENER HAS GIVEN AN EXPLANATION OF STEPS TAKEN BY ECON MIN TO ENSURE THAT OMFS AND ISO SYSTEMS WILL BE COMPATIBLE. IN ADDITION TO TAKING UP THIS ISSUE IN EC 113 COMMITTEE, GRUENER INFORMED BUNDESTAG THAT ECONMIN HAS POINTED OUT TO FRG DEFENSE MIN THE DANGERS WHICH INCOMPATIBLE FASTENER SYSTEMS CAN POSE FOR NATO LOGISTICS, AND HAS SUGGESTED THAT THIS QUESTION BE RAISED IN THE COMPETENT NATO ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE A REPORT OF OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS OF OMFS AT MARCH 17-20 MEETING IN WASHINGTON OF NATIONAL AMERICAN METRIC COUNCIL.

4. FRG PRESS ARTICLES ABOUT THIS ISSUE HAVE SLACKENED OFF. HOWEVER IN AN ARTICLE ABOUT TRADE OUTLOOK AND MTNS, MARCH 17 SPIEGEL CITED INTRODUCTION OF OMFS AS THE TYPE OF NON-TARIFF PROBLEM TO BE TAKEN UP IN MTNS, AND ADDED THAT FOREIGN PRODUCERS OF SUCH PRODUCTS AS AUTOMOBILES, MACHINERY AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT COULD EASILY BE TRICKED OUT OF THE US MARKET ON THE PRETEXT THAT THEY DO NOT MEET THE AMERICAN STANDARDS.  
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